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TITLE OF INVENTION: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD INTENSIVELY PROVIDING DOTS IN HALFTONE PROCESS

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